IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Laurent LECOURT et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

INHALABLE AEROSOL MEDICAMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF PAIN

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) Use according to Claim 1, in which the gas is chosen from among helium, oxygen, nitrogen, xenon, hydrogen, carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), argon, krypton, nitrogen monoxide (NO), nitrogen protoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), carbonated hydrocarbons, fluorocarbons and mixtures of several of these gases.

Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (Amended) Use according to Claim 1, in which the inhalable medicament is in the form of an aerosol

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